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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE
CHANCELLOR TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF A GERMAN
NATIONAL FOUNDATION HAS DECIDED THAT THE PROJECT
SHOULD BE PURSUED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID PROBLEMS
RELATED TO THE STATUS OF BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE DECEMBER 20 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP
VON BRAUNMUEHL REPORTED ON THE RESULTS OF THE FOREIGN
OFFICE BRIEFING TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL
STIFTUNG (REF A). FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR
BLECH MET WITH FRG MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR MAIHOFFER,
GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE OF BERLIN AND MINISTER-
PRESIDENTS STOLTENBERG (SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN), VOGEL
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(RHINELAND- PALATINATE)L AND BOERNER (HESSE) ON DECEMBER 16.
BASED ON BLECH'S PRESENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT
THE IDEA OF A CULTURAL FOUNDATION SHOULD BE FORMALLY
MAINTAINED, BUT PURSUED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID
BERLIN PROBLEMS.

2. AS THE COMMITTEE FORESEES IT, THE FOUNDATION WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. IT WILL OPERATE UNDER THE STIFTUNG PREUSSISCHER KULTURBESITZ (PRUSSIAN ART TREASURES). AS A PROGRAM, IT WILL NOT HAVE A SEAT AS SUCH; THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE INVOLVED, NOR WILL " NATIONAL" BE A PART OF THE PROGRAM'S NAME.

3. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO CONTINUE WORKING ON DETAILS OF THE FOUNDATION, BUT POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON ITS NATURE HAD BEEN REACHED. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS ONLY PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND ASKED THAT IT BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. HE PROMISED TO KEEP THE ALLIES INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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